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Amidst the many hard times, an effort is required to do something in the way of raising money, no matter how small the sum, or how easy the raising of it might appear under ordinary circumstances; still, hard as the times are, and great as the effort required to do anything, we feel convinced that such an effort ought to be made, will be made, and will be successful in carrying through the western Road, projected from this place.

We glean from the tone of an article in a late Charlotte paper—the Democrat, we think, that the people of that place are appealed to mainly on behalf of the line running west from Charlotte, taking it is contended that time is a great and important matter in determining the future value of the western extension—that if that from Charlotte be promptly commenced and carried through, the extension of the Central Road from Salisbury will not be built, the Charlotte extension having the advantage of a richer country, and more favorable route. Thus by prompt action the friends of the Rutherford route may secure for it the position of the main, if not the only extension to the Mountains, and ultimately into Tennessee.

At any rate, it is plain that our Charlotte friends will be apt to throw a considerable part of their strength upon the Western portion of the route. It therefore behooves those living along the line east of Charlotte to examine carefully their own resources with a due reference to the existing state of the case in all its bearings. It is known that into the calculations, the questions of the gauge, the terminus, and, measurably, of the route, or a portion of it must enter. For reasons which have already been set forth in our columns, we have expressed a preference for the North Carolina gauge, if other things can be made to suit. Without going into a recapitulation of the argument, we may remark that by adopting this gauge we obtain the chances of a connection with the French Road R. R. which is to be built on the North Carolina gauge—we obtain at Charlotte the advantage over the Charleston route to that place, which has a different gauge—we guard against any future risk of being trapped by any maneuver at a point where our road will approach the South Carolina line within a very few miles—we will be enabled to make a connection with Fayetteville with a comparatively small risk of doing anything to forward the "Metropolitan route." The additional expense is the main argument against the adoption of such a gauge, running direct to Wilmington, and for the South Carolina gauge, connecting with the Manchester road at or near Whiteville, and it must be confessed that is entitled to very great weight at any time, and is peculiarly so at the present. Unless it can, somehow, be overcome, it seems to be almost insuperable.

To this view of the case we wish to call the attention of our friends residing in a portion of Bladen and New Hanover counties, among whom a strong feeling has existed for a length of time, as evidenced by the proceedings of meetings held in these sections, and published at different times in our paper, and we believe, the other papers of the town. The question is, how far a road running from Marlboro depot, on the W. & W. R. R., and crossing the Cape Fear River at some point below Elizabeth, say Whitehall, would meet the views and accommodate the wants of the sections to which we have referred; and, upon the supposition of its meeting the views and accommodating the wants of said sections; what subscription could be there secured for it, and how far such subscription would go towards making up the difference between this route and that to Whiteville.

We have conversed with gentlemen from the portions of country to which we allude—gentlemen of wealth and public spirit, and at their request, as much as from any other cause, we have deemed it proper to bring this matter to the attention of the public. They speak encouragingly of a liberal subscription. We trust that they will bestir themselves and present such facts as will, at least, justify an experimental survey. It is a matter, in our opinion, of the first importance, but one upon which no opinion can be definitely formed without further knowledge.

Things in Europe. The present war seems destined to prove the rottenness of the existing state of things in Europe. In France, revolutions have become chronic, and the news of an outbreak there, would cause no very great surprise. In England, however, the case has been different. Her boasted constitution has weathered the storms before which her neighbors have bent, if they have not been broken; and, come what might abroad, her system at home has been regarded as stable and secure. Her aristocracy, if not beloved, were at least respected, and if looked upon as grasping and ambitious, possessed at least, some prestige of ability.

The miserable conduct of the pending war has changed all this. It has exhibited the "governing classes" as not only heartless and venal, but also as incompetent. The people, the bold peasantry of their country's pride, who formed her right arm of defence, have been driven from their humble homes to make room for sheep-walks—the rank and file, the bone and sinew of the army, have been left to die like dogs, of cold and hunger in the Crimea, under the lead of a middle-headed octogenarian of patrician family—millions have been spent in jobs among the understrappers of great "houses," and yet a few soldiers could not get clothes or more than half rations. The public service which was so popular at the commencement of the war, that, on account of the great number of recruits offering, the war department actually raised the "Standard" of enlistment, is now sunk so low that compulsory means are to be resorted to to fill the ranks of the army, no voluntary recruits offering; and it is a marked feature of the English aristocracy of old times that this compulsory enlistment differs from the French conscription in this that it is not proposed to make all alike subject to be drawn for foreign service, but is only intended to operate on "the lower classes." The war has shown England to be not only the worst governed but the least free nation in Europe.

Under this state of things even England totters on the brink of revolution. Public discontents grow and increase. Taxation, onerous and oppressive at all times, becomes doubly odious when it is felt that the money drawn from the people is squandered by the aristocracy, and the lives of the soldiers, and the honor of the nation sacrificed to stupid routine and patrician imbecility.

With France, or rather with Louis Napoleon, war is a necessity, and is furiously urged on to occupy public attention, and defeat the conspiracies brewing against the Empire. The truth is, that Napoleon cannot afford to make peace without winning glory enough upon which to base an addition to his strength at home.

Whether Russia will be more apt to make peace in the event of the death of Nicholas, taking that for fact, is doubtful. The conquest of Turkey may be regarded as necessary to the adjustment of the claims of the two elder sons, in order to prevent a civil war. Taking everything into the account, a peace hatched up now could not be permanent. Europe has yet before her a long and bloody struggle.

SOMETHING LIKE A FUSS BREWING.—The Whig Convention of Philadelphia met at the County Court House, on Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of making general nominations for City Officers. After the transaction of some unimportant business, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Nichols of the Seventh Ward:—

Resolved, That a favorable opportunity is now presented to test the sense of this Convention, assembled in the name of the Whig party, in relation to the secret, proscription and anti-republican organization, appropriately called "Know Nothing," and it is due to that portion of the Whigs of Philadelphia, who have neither taken the oath nor professed the faith of that combination, that they should know whether it is the purpose of this Convention to commit them in any manner to the support of Know Nothing candidates; and, whereas, the success of Know Nothing candidates, by the complicity of Whig conventions of last year, and the deception practised upon Whig voters, only served to supply the offices with impudent and incompetent persons, whose public action has postponed the true ends of Consolidation, involved the city in wasteful extravagance, and imposed exorbitant taxation upon the citizens, with every prospect of onerous increase in the future; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention disapproves of the attitude and deception by which the candidates of that combination were placed upon the Whig Conventions of last year, and presented for the suffrage of Whig voters.

Resolved, That this Convention will not nominate any person for the office of City Treasurer, or City Commissioner, who is known to be a member of the anti-American combination, called "Know Nothings," and if any such person shall, by deception, receive a nomination from this Convention, then the nomination shall be regarded as revoked by this Convention; and any five delegates may call this Convention together, and proceed to nominate another candidate in his place, to be supported by the Whig voters.

After some discussion, the resolutions were indefinitely postponed—that is, killed, by a vote of 52 to 32. This vote being a test of those composing the Convention who are or who are not tired of the misrule and deception of the faction to which the Whig party has sold itself. It exhibits a most important split in the first year of Know-Nothing ascendancy, and augurs badly for the success of that conglomeration of "isms" at the election in July next. They are bound to be slayed.

"THE NATIVE AMERICAN."—We have received the second number of the above paper, published at Goldsboro, by Messrs. Powell & Cooke, James W. Powell, Editor. It belongs to the Know-Nothing order in politics, and seems to be more distinguished by energy of expression than purity of language or courtesy of tone. There is no accounting for tastes, however, else we might be inclined to think that a less denunciate tone towards the Democratic party would quite as well become a writer who has, within a few weeks past, held an office from a Democratic Legislature, to which office we presume he was elected as a Democrat, although we have never taken the trouble to enquire. If it were worth while we would venture to hint that sound and fury are not necessarily sense, nor abuse argument. There were great men before Agamemnon, and patriots before the Know-Nothings; may more, there have been patriots of foreign birth as far back as the days of Hamilton, and Morris, and Gallatin, and there will be again in the future.

The appointments for Harbor-Masters of New York made by Clark, the Whig Governor of New York State, are amusing. One is said to be a celebrated "fancy man" and a "shoulder hitter" (since the canonization of Bill Poole these gentry have taken a start), and the other, C. C. Burleigh, a most admirable curser of the Union, a prodigious woman's rights man, whom we have seen flourishing at the Tabernacle, New York, with Lucretia Mott, Abby Folsom and Antoinette Brown. (N. B.—Antoinette is not bad-looking—the others are.) An abolitionist, an infidel and a fanatic—a fellow who wears his hair and beard with a studied imitation of the usually received portraits of our Savior in reckless mockery of religion.

These two men are Governor Clark's appointments. What is the world coming to?

NOT LIKELY.—The statement made by a German paper in New York, that a rendezvous had been opened in that city for the enlistment of soldiers for the British army. We don't believe the British government would venture on any such step, and we don't believe they could get any recruits if they did.

It is hard to say whether the laws might not be evaded by hiring men, ostensibly in a civil capacity, to go to Halifax or elsewhere, and then getting them to enlist formally when there. But the game would not pay, and had as the management of the British government has been, it has hardly been foolish enough to resort to any such expedient. There are more lies stated in New York than the rest of country could contradict without neglecting its business for that purpose.

NON-ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER.—The Steamer Atlantic, now over due at New York, had not arrived as late as yesterday morning. There is reason to believe that she did not leave until after her regular day; the Cunard steamer which was to succeed her, in sailing from Liverpool having been also out of time. It is hard that the steamers should be slow just at the time that we want to hear from Europe. Whether or not Nicholas is dead must remain an open question a little longer.

FIRE AND DEATH.—The Hillsboro Recorder says that on Wednesday last week, the house of Mrs. Margaret Woods, on Little River, about seven miles east of that place, was burned and she in it. The evidence before a Jury of Inquest was considered sufficient to authorize the commitment of Presley Riley, on suspicion of having killed Mrs. Woods, and set fire to the house.

INFORMATION WANTED.—We would ask whether men are to be forced into the new secret order by threats of proscription and the deprivation of business. We have now before us a case of the kind occurring here a few days since, where a native citizen of the county and a Protestant was so threatened. We have the names dates and facts. Can these things be, and be tolerated?

MUSIC.—We have received from Mr. Schreiner, "Now is the Hour of Parting," music by H. L. Schreiner, dedicated to Miss Laura Harris. The music, we presume, is good. It looks well upon paper. We like the appearance of those notes in music that look like bunches of grapes. We have a taste for that sort of music.

PAID YOUR POSTAGE.—We would call the especial attention of all our readers to the fact that from and after the 1st of next month no letter will be forwarded through the mails unless the postage be paid in advance.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Boston, March 20.—Hon. Emory Washburn, late Governor of Massachusetts, has been appointed Lecturer in Harvard University, at Cambridge, to fill the vacancy caused by the rejection of Judge Loring. It will be recalled that Governor Washburn sustained the Government at the time of the recovery of the fugitive Burns, in this city.

One Week Later from California. SANDY HOOK, March, 24. The steamer George Law, from Aspinwall, has just passed here, going up to New York.

She left Aspinwall on the morning of the 16th, and brings California dates of the 1st inst, being one week later than previous advices. She brings 234 passengers, brought to Panama by the steamer Golden Gate in eleven days and four hours running time. The outward passengers by the George Law landed at Aspinwall on the morning of the 15th, and left Panama on the Golden Gate the same day.

The following are the principal consignees on the special list of the G. L.: Messrs. Drexel & Co., \$100,000; Metropolitan Bank, \$100,000; A. Rich & Brothers, \$25,000; Wells, Fargo, & Co., \$15,000; Adams & Co., \$10,500; and other smaller amounts, reaching in all \$317,800.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The steamer reached the city this morning. Col. Fremont is amongst the passengers. The house of Wells, Fargo, & Co., resumed payment at San Francisco on the 27th ult., and all demands had been promptly met.

Messrs. Adams & Co. had filed a petition of insolvency. The schedule of assets of the house shows a balance on the right side of about \$100,000. Mr. Woods has given over all his private property, estimated at \$250,000, which went to make up total of assets.

The failure of Messrs. Robinson & Co. is considered a bad one. Arrangements for the resumption of payment by Messrs. Page, Bacon, & Co. were in progress, but not completed. It was expected, however, that this house would be in a condition to resume in the course of a few days.

Messrs. Read & Co., of Sacramento, had applied for the benefit of the insolvent act. A. S. Wright, of the Merchants' Savings Bank, was in expectation of shortly resigning.

In the way of general news there is literally nothing of interest. Copious rains had fallen, much to the gratification of the miners and agriculturists.

A bill had been introduced into the legislature for a prohibitory liquor law, submitting the matter to the vote of the people at the general election of 1855.

Business circles were rather more confident, but the financial stringency was, nevertheless, so great that very little had been done in trade.

Cash sales of Gallego flour were made at about \$14. Choice new butter, 45 cents. Hams, 18 cents. Lard, 13 cents.

California dates and Callao dates of the 26th inst. were brought important. The steamer Mississippi sailed for home on the 9th ult., and the frigate St. Lawrence left for the United States on the 8th.

The floor of war Decatur had sailed for the coast of Ecuador. The floor of war John Adams arrived on the 29th Jan. 24. No less than 1000 persons were on board.

Markets were dull in Peru, and there is, in fact, nothing of importance from that quarter, either commercially or politically.

The Bogota Congress met on the 12th of February. (From the Birmingham (N. Y.) Standard, March 7.)

Canine, a "Devil" out of a Church—A Methodist Minister Arrested for Assaulting a Distiller. We are indebted to our friend, J. M. Fells, of Marietta, Ohio, for the following graphic sketch. We are assured that the facts transpired substantially as narrated.

"A Methodist clergyman who has been laboring in this vicinity, was not long since, preaching to his people on the miraculous power of Apostles over the demonic spirits of their day. As he was pursuing his theme, the audience were subdued by the fervor of his voice from some of the congregation, demanding in a half-querulous, half-authoritative tone, 'Why don't preachers do such things now a days?' In an instant every eye in the house was turned upon the individual who had the effrontery thus to evade the sacredness of the sanctuary.

The speaker paused for a moment, and fixed his penetrating gaze full upon the face of the questioner. There was an interval of intense silence, broken at last by the speaker in resuming his subject. Before he again proceeded far with his remarks, before he was again interrupted by the same impertinent inquiry. Again he paused for a time, again resumed his subject. Not content with the silent rebuke, our redoubtable questioner demanded again, 'Why don't the preachers do such things now a days?' and curling his lips with a sneer of self-complacency, drew himself up pompously in his seat.

Our reverend friend, (who by the way, is a man of great muscular power,) calmly left the desk and walked deliberately to the pew, seated the questioner, and, with a firm grasp of the collar of his coat, and the other on the waistband of his unmentionables, lifted him square out of his seat and bore him down the aisle to the entrance. Pausing for a moment there, he then turned his eyes upon his audience, and in a clear, full voice, said, 'and they cast out the evil in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.' The action of the word, 'out went the knight of the mush-tub, a la leap frog fashion, into the street.

The good pastor quietly returned to his desk, and completed his discourse. After closing the services, as he was passing out of the church, the out-cast distiller, an officer of the law, escorted the interior of the office of a magistrate, to answer for an assault upon the person of said distiller. After hearing the case the magistrate dismissed the clergyman, and after loudly reprimanding the complainant, fined him for molesting the services of the sanctuary.

Since that day we believe he has never for a moment relaxed the aspect of the Methodist sect, and to east out devils at least within the limits of the Ohio Conference."

(From the Boston Transcript.)

IGNORANCE OF LEARNED SCHOLARS.—Dear Transcript.—As you occasionally allude to errors by English writers when they speak of the United States, allow me to refer to a few which I recently met with in your geographical reading. In the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," a pompous 8vo. of 1600 pages, edited by Hugh Murray, F. R. S. E., assisted by Prof. Wallace and Jameson of the University of Edinburgh, and Prof. Hooker of the University of Glasgow, and Mr. Swainson, F. R. S., and F. L. S., and published in Edinburgh, occur the following statements:

"The United States territory is separated from Canada by the St. Lawrence River." (p. 1327.)

"New England, now the most flourishing of the States." &c. (p. 1337.)

"The President continues in office four years, and may be re-elected. But this has not taken place with any exception." (p. 1338.)

"The general aspect of the Eastern States is that of an unbounded forest." (p. 1340.)

"The rivers running across the Eastern States have been united at different points, and it is expected that a continued interior line from North to South, will be ultimately formed." (The writer is speaking of Erie at p. 1342.)

"Dr. Franklin once, on a journey, judged it wise to bear upon his person a ball, expressing his name, his business, whence he came and whither he was going." (p. 1343.)

"There are twenty-five colleges and seventy-four academies, under the patronage of the general legislature, and a national university has been planned." (p. 1344.)

"Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, of the State of New England, and, until lately, of the whole Union, is built on a peninsula. East Boston, where all the business is carried on, consists of a number of narrow streets and alleys." &c. (p. 1346.)

"New Hampshire, stretching south from Massachusetts, occupies a very great part of the surface of New England," and in this State, "nothing is more common than to see a grandmother at forty, and the mother and daughter are often suckling children at the same time!" (p. 1347.)

I could send you many other statements from the same work, equally devoid of accuracy, but the above samples may suffice. "Ex pede Herculeum."

Yours, H. K. O.

Lawrence, March 10th, 1855.

REDEMPTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 1855.

Loan of 1842	\$21,000
" 1843	1,500
" 1846	5,500
" 1847	45,400
" 1848	9,100
Total	\$85,500

THE NEW BOUNTY LAND LAW. The Commissioner of Pensions has issued the following instructions for carrying into effect the new Bounty Land Law:

Where the service has been rendered by a substitute, he is the person entitled to the benefit of this act, and not his employer.

In the event of the death of any person who, if living, would be entitled to a certificate or warrant as aforesaid, leaving a widow, or if no widow, a minor child or children, she or he, if no widow, or such minor child or children, is entitled to a certificate or warrant for the same quantity of land such deceased persons would be entitled to receive under the provisions of said act, if now living.

A subsequent marriage will not impair the right of any such widow to such warrant if she be a widow at the time of her application. Persons must in the act of 21 years on the 1st of March, 1855, be deemed minors within the intent and meaning of said act.

To obtain the benefits of this act, the claimant must make a declaration, under oath, substantially, according to the forms hereto annexed. The signature of the applicant must be attested by his or her personal identity established by the affidavits of two credible witnesses, whose residences must be given, and whose credit must be sustained by the certificate of the magistrate before whom the application is verified.

No certificates will be deemed sufficient in any case unless the facts are certified to be within the personal knowledge of the magistrate or other officer who shall sign the certificate, or the names and residence of the witnesses by whom the facts are established be given, or their affidavits, properly authenticated, be appended to the certificate.

The official character and signature of the magistrate who may administer the oath must be certified by the clerk of the proper court of record of his county, under the seal of the court. Whenever the certificate of the officer who authenticates the signature of the magistrate is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the signature to be authenticated, the certificate must be attached to said paper by a piece of tape or ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the official seal, so as to prevent any fraud from being improperly attached to the certificate.

Applications in behalf of minors should be made in their names by their guardian or next friend.—Where there are several minors entitled to the same gratuity, one may make the declaration. The warrant will be issued to all jointly. In addition to proof of the death of the minor, the minor must prove the death of his father, that no widow survives him and that he and those that he represents are the only minor children of the deceased.

If a party die before the issue of a warrant to which he would be entitled, if living, the right to said warrant dies with him. In such case the warrant becomes void, and should be canceled, and the party who died in right of the service claimed should make application; and if there be no such party, the grant lapses under the limitation the beneficiaries to the bounty. If the claimant die after the issue of the warrant, the title thereto vests in his heirs at law in the same manner as real estate in the place of the domicile of the deceased, and can only be assigned or conveyed by will.

Applications made by Indians must be authenticated according to the regulations to be prescribed by the commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Accompanying the above instructions are the necessary forms of declaration, together with an official copy of the law.

VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN NEWS. MORE WITHDRAWALS.—The following communication is worthy of special notice. It shows that Know Nothings are rapidly sinking into decay, and that the Democratic party as have entered the Order with the idea that they can leave it at their pleasure:

TO THE EDITORS OF THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER: FULTON COUNTY, March 15, 1855.

Messrs. Editors:—HURRAH! for HENRY A. WISE. Like clever fellow, our Democratic foe, is bolting from us, and we are now left with the Know Nothings. We have withdrawn from one lodge in this county, and have fallen back into their old ranks. Like brave gallant soldiers, they have shouldered their muskets and are now pouring into the enemy some of Capt. Bragg's favorite shot—grape. Desecration have made them but the better soldiers. They are now pouring the enemy's powder into their own guns, and are better prepared to fight them.

Yours, &c.

P. S.—You can use the above as you choose. The lodge I speak of is at the Court House, Palmyra.—We were all refused admission from the Order, and we do not know yet whether our names have been scratched from the "parchment roll," but suffice it to say, we have withdrawn from the Order, and are now pouring the enemy's powder into their own guns, and are better prepared to fight them.

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REDEMPTION COUNTY.—We have received, too late for insertion in to-day's paper, an account of a late discussion in this county, between Dr. Tompkins, anti-Know Nothing Whig, and Mr. Richard Shelton. This account represents what we have before heard, and is a very pathetic and entertaining narrative from the work of the artist, we confess that the author is somewhat too reconcile in his phraseology for our outside comprehension. The book is printed like the Chinese on thin paper, and only on one side, each leaf being a folded sheet, with the fold at the edge of course uncut, and designed to remain so. The cover is of a very fine quality, and the impression very much resembles lithography. The drawings indicate the slightest possible idea of perspective, while the execution of this slight idea is very perfect. The style of Japanese "femininity," to which the book introduces us, would never expose the country to invasion, unless the Japanese were in the vicinity of the present circumstances akin to those of early Rome. Hence we may infer that modern "annexation" will not be precipitated by Japanese beauty—a comfortable suggestion for the conservative department of the next Presidential message.—Baltimore Sun.

THE BLACK WARRIOR CASE SETTLED.—The Washington Union says: We have reliable information as to the change in the determination of her Catholic Majesty in regard to the Black Warrior affair, and have reason to know that the following extract of a letter from the subject from Madrid, which appears in Caligiana's Messenger of February 25th, 1855, is correct. "It appears (says the letter) that the Spanish government has decided on proclaiming that the authorities of Cuba exceeded their powers in the affair of the Black Warrior as regards the two principal points of it—the production of the cargo and the time allowed for the production of the ship's papers. In consequence, it is disposed to accord the indemnity."

APPLICATIONS FOR BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS.—It is stated that already some fifteen hundred applications have been made for bounty lands under the law passed by Congress only a week ago. On Monday three hundred and fifty such applications were received. The Star says: It is estimated that the Pension Bureau that about 300,000 such applications will be made near the new law, requiring 32,000,000 of acres to satisfy them.—The amount of land in the bill by the House, reduced the quality of lands to be taken up under it from more than 100,000,000 acres to about the quantity we name above.

"How kind!" said Mrs. Partington, as the bill came for the pension of her husband, "how considerate they are, for if the heathen are not provided with the use of missionaries?" She stood smilingly looking inside the railing, while he ventured upon a calculation as to how many grouse he could kill with the old Hessian gun.

THE EMPEROR GOING TO THE CRIMEA.—Why—Preparations for his Departure.—The New Agency [From the Paris Correspondent of the London Economist.] PARIS, February 22, 1855.

The Emperor's project of going to the Crimea is now openly avowed, though it has not been announced officially by the *Moniteur*. All his ordinary councillors have represented to him the danger and improbability of such an undertaking, and he does not himself overlook them; but he has given orders to prepare everything for his departure, waiting for the next report from the Crimea before taking a decisive resolution.

It is reported that Lord Palmerston has sent a note to the English ambassador, who has made representations in the name of England, declaring that in the absence of the French monarch it was impossible to open the conference at Vienna, and then Lord John Russell's mission would have to be postponed.

Gen. Niel, the same who commanded at the taking of Bomarsund, and was sent to Sebastopol in order to survey the state of things there, has made a report to the Emperor, who has arrived in Paris, and was received on Monday last at the Tuilleries. His account is far from favorable, and it may urge the Emperor to depart. The general health of the army was indeed improving, but there were symptoms of insubordination and discontent amongst them.

When the Imperial army arrived at the camp the war was in the hands of the Zouaves. The positions which were occupied by the Zouaves. But this corps mutilated, and declared that they would not abandon them; that they were a choice troop, and would not suffer themselves to be superseded by a regiment who had just come, and had taken no part in the past trials and dangers of the siege. It was the cause of the sedition which was reported by telegraphic despatches, and in spite of the *Moniteur* contradicting these reports, it is quite true that about ten Zouaves were condemned to be shot, and a certain number were sent to Algiers.

Besides, there are general complaints that there is jealousy between the commanding generals Canrobert and Bosquet, who did not see any of the time of the Crimean campaign, and General Canrobert.

The Emperor thinks that his own presence is indispensable to give a direction to the operations of the war, and to inspire the army with enthusiasm at the decisive moment of the general assault on the fortress.

An ill-timed departure on Saturday last for Marseilles, to prepare the steamer which is to take the Emperor and the troops who accompany him, 6,000 soldiers of the Imperial Guards have received two days ago Minie rifles, and they depart on the 29th inst. The Emperor's departure, which was at first fixed for the 22nd instant, and afterwards for the 25th or 26th, is now put off to the 5th of March.

It is said that the Emperor is given every day will at last prevail upon him to relinquish his project.

The Emperor intends to take with him Prince Napoleon Bonaparte, the son of Jerome, whose conduct since his return from the Crimea has given him great displeasure. He was recalled on account of his assumed ill-health, and since his arrival he was every night seized with nervous attacks, so that his health was not the true motive for his return.

The Council of Regency has been appointed; it consists of Count de Morny, M. Troplong, and M. Baroche; but it will not be announced in the *Moniteur*. They have only full powers to act in case of extraordinary events.

The Emperor's departure is almost the only topic of conversation in all circles, and it has superseded every other question. It seems, however, that Prussia is at last inclined to sign the separate treaty which has been proposed by England and France.

FATE OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—An additional gleam of light has been cast over the probable fate of the Franklin Expedition by an Esquimaux named Mastiukwin, who accompanied Dr. Rae's party, and who has been for many years a member of the Wesleyan Congregation at Roseville, in Hudson's Bay. Dr. Rae has always considered this native highly efficient and trustworthy, and he has been joined by the Esquimaux stated that "he wintered with a party in a snow house, where they had six weeks' constant night. In March last, (1854,) they started on the ice to the north, and were 37 days on their northern journey. They were 100 miles beyond the region inhabited by the Esquimaux, but they still found the tracks of the musk ox. Sir John Franklin and his party are dead; but, perhaps, one or two of the men may still be alive, and amongst the Esquimaux."

"Sir John's watch, all in pieces, with his silver spoons, knives and forks were found. The ship was a great good-ness to these people; and they now all have good sledges, spears, canoes, of oak wood.—The dogs and the party did not see any of the remains of Sir John and his party, but the Esquimaux informed him that Sir John was found dead with his blanket over him, and his gun by his side. The probability is, that it is not more than two or three years since the party perished by hunger."

Such are the words of Mastiukwin's narrative, as detailed to the Rev. T. Hurlbut, of Roseville Mission. Hudson's Bay party did not see any of the remains of Sir John and his party, but the Esquimaux informed him that Sir John was found dead with his blanket over him, and his gun by his side. The probability is, that it is not more than two or three years since the party perished by hunger."

THE GRAVES OF CALHOUN'S FAMILY.—Some hundred yards east of the house in which John C. Calhoun first saw the light, in South Carolina, is the old family cemetery. It contains but a single monument of any architectural interest, and that stands upon the graves of Mr. Calhoun's father, mother, and sister Catherine. Mrs. Dr. Waddell. He had it carved in Washington, and placed in its present site a few years before his death as follows:

"Patrick Calhoun, the father of John Caldwell Calhoun. Born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, June 11, 1727, and died January 15, 1796, in his 69th year."

Martha Caldwell, the wife of Patrick Calhoun, and the mother of Catherine, William James, John Caldwell, and Patrick Calhoun. Born on Cub Creek, Charlotte county, Va., 1750—died May, 1802, aged 52 years."

Catherine, the daughter of Patrick and Martha Calhoun, and the first wife of the Rev. Dr. Waddell, died in March, 1796, in the 21st year of her age, and without issue."

Ernest by John C. Calhoun, the surviving member of the family, 1844."

REV. THEODORE MATHEW.—The services of this distinguished gentleman in the cause of temperance have been as much appreciated in America as in Europe. It was with great pleasure, says the *Ledger*, to learn of his welfare by the following extract from a letter to a gentleman residing in Philadelphia.

Funchal, Madeira, Jan. 3, 1855. It has pleased the Almighty to afflict me with partial paralysis. My physicians have ordered me to reside, during winter, in Madeira, for the restoration of my health. I rejoice to hear of you here, as it has afforded me the greatest happiness of hearing of you, and of the good friends of Cork, who expressed much delight in seeing me. I have had the good fortune to meet. I had the pleasure to go on board this beautiful frigate, where I was warmly greeted by the ship's crew and marines, amongst whom I was introduced to many of my countrymen, in whom I was warmly welcomed. Mr. Jordan, of Cork, who expressed much delight in seeing me. I have had the good fortune to meet. I had the pleasure to go on board this beautiful frigate, where I was warmly greeted by the ship's crew and marines, amongst whom I was introduced to many of my countrymen, in whom I was warmly welcomed.

In the anxious hope, that this letter may find you in good health, I am as ever, with high respect, your grateful and affectionate friend.

THEODORE MATHEW.

The richest religious denominations, we see by the census tables, is the Methodist, which is estimated at \$14,636,671. The next are the Presbyterian, which is rated at \$14,365,889. The Episcopal, which in number of churches stands fifth, ranks third for its church property, being estimated at \$11,261,770.—The fourth is the Baptist, \$9,931,381; the fifth the Roman Catholics, \$8,973,898; and the 6th, the Congregational, \$7,973,962.

DIED. On Topsis Sound, in this County, on the 24th inst., Mrs. NANCY FOY, wife of Henry R. Foy, aged about 40 years. On the 6th of January last, on board Brig Cardiff, on her voyage to America, Mr. FREDERICK E. METT, a native of Lenox county, N. C., and recently a resident of Wilmington, aged about 26 years.

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